



## Collaboration Corner

This month third graders were introduced to the wonderful world of reference books. They learned about guidewords and practiced using a dictionary to get their feet wet. Fourth and Fifth grades revisited the dictionary in preparation for more reference work in the near future.

Next month third through fifth grades will get a little practice with the encyclopedia.

This month second graders got a some practice alphabetizing "books". Student took turns *being* "books" and *arranging* "books" alphabetically. They did a great job and had a bit of fun in the process.

**I still need input on Studenttreasures (go to [studenttreasures.com](http://studenttreasures.com) for more info) and Ellison dies (catalog at [www.ellison.com](http://www.ellison.com))**

## Book Nook

*Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos* by R. L. LeFavres

One review I read compared *Theodosia* to a cross between Harry Potter and Indiana Jones. The analogy is perfect.

The daughter of a London museum curator and an archeologist, Theodosia spends her days (and nights) knocking around a slightly run-down museum. Her mother is away collecting artifacts and her father is so preoccupied with his duties as the curator

That he hardly acknowledges her. Her parents are totally oblivious to the fact that many of their ancient Egyptian items are cursed. Theodosia, being sensitive to magic, became aware of these curses at an early age. Sensibly, she taught herself ancient Egyptian magic using the old books in the museum's reading room. Now, she spends her time unhexing the objects before anyone gets hurt.

If you have anyone looking for a follow-up to Harry Potter, look no further. Theodosia is smart and funny. The book moves quickly from one adventure to the next. And once she joins forces—reluctantly—with her brother and a street urchin, she is unstoppable in her quest to rid England of ancient hexes and curses.

## Broadcast

If you have a story you want covered on the SSC news, please let me know and I will send a reporter to interview you. Please don't tell me too far in advance because that gives me more time to forget about it!

**Book Fair—November 13-16**

**Flyers coming soon!**

## Book Clubs

Second grade Explorers will begin meeting on November 8 at 8:15.

I'm still waiting to hear from first and third grades. The following times are still available. Please get together as a group and choose one time per grade and one student per class. Remember this is for unenthusiastic readers—not kids with technical reading issues.

I am still dreaming of a book club for kids who love reading. At this time it must remain a dream. I will keep trying to find time. I won't give up!

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Always read something that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.  
~P.J. O'Rourke